

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, In 1887, homesteaders and ranchers came together in an effort to provide a place to educate their families and began the construction of a school built from hand-hewn logs at a cost of \$200; and,

*Whereas*, The Cold Springs log school is the oldest known log school house in South Dakota, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and,

*Whereas*, In 1965, the Cold Springs Historical Society was organized in order to dissuade the Forest Service from destroying the log school – the Historical Society was successful in its efforts; and,

*Whereas*, The Cold Springs log school is a fine example of a single structure which served many functions in the early years of settlement in the Black Hills, including as a school, meeting facility, church and dance hall, and continues to be used today for meetings, social functions, educational seminars and family reunions; and,

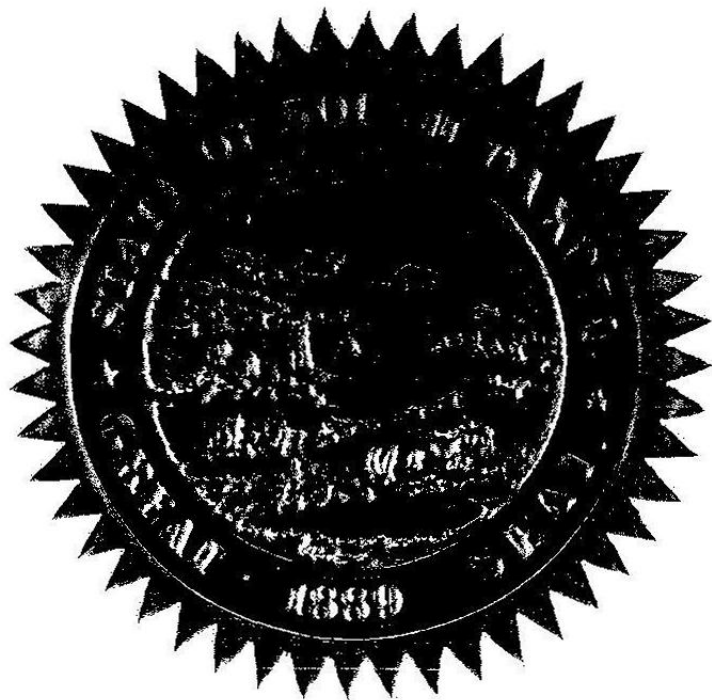
*Whereas*, Today, the log school displays numerous antiques to create a replica of the 1880s classroom experience, and the Cold Springs Historical Society will celebrate the school's 120 years of existence on September 9, 2007, as the Custer School District begins its 2007-2008 school year.

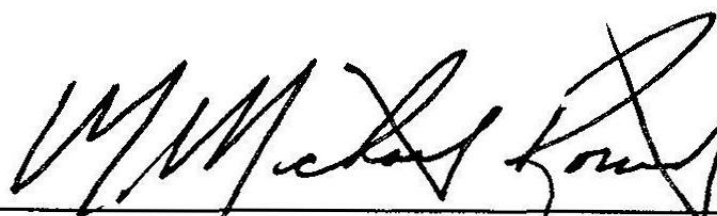
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2007, as

### *COLD SPRINGS SCHOOL DAY*

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State